

PAYMASTER SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Highwaymen in West Virginia Commit Murder and Escape With Bag of Coin—Daring Attempt to Hold up Pay Wagon—Containing \$15,000 Frustrated.

Saturday of last week was pay-day in the Pocahontas-Flat Top coalfields just across the line in West Virginia, and no less than two daring attempts by bold highwaymen to obtain a large portion of the money that was to be paid the miners and other laborers of that section have been reported. One of these hold-ups was successful, but the other resulted disastrously for those engaged in the undertaking.

A hold-up which secured to the two highwaymen engaged the sum of \$2,000 at the cost of one man's life, occurred within one hundred yards of the depot at Rock, in Mercer county, some ten miles west of Bramwell and within sight of a number of the citizens of the town who were powerless to interfere. While Messrs. James McCreedy, S. T. Franklin and W. H. Oakley, the latter carrying a grip containing \$2,000, were walking along the railroad track at Rock on their way to the camps of the Franklin Construction Company for the purpose of paying off the employees of that concern, a rifle shot rang out from the near-by hillside, and young Oakley sank to the earth with a bullet in his brain. At that moment the two assassins emerged from their place of concealment, and covering McCreedy and Franklin with their guns, started to advance toward the lifeless body of the fallen man. McCreedy, who was unarmed, sought safety in flight, but Franklin, having a pistol, opened fire on the highwaymen and retreated only after his revolver was empty. The robbers then took up the grip containing the money and fled into the mountain, and although closely pursued by a large posse of officers and citizens, they are still at large. So deliberate and cold-blooded were the murderers in their work that many who heard the shot and saw Oakley fall hesitated to go to his assistance lest they should share a similar fate. The remains of young Oakley were taken to his old home at Wallers, Henry county, Va., for burial, and a sharp lookout for his murderers, who are known to be Italians, is being kept throughout the entire section of country in which the murder and robbery occurred.

On the same day of the above tragedy and robbery an attempt was made by ten Italians to hold up and rob the pay wagon of the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company as it was passing between the Shamokin and Norfolk operations near Mayberry, in McDowell county. That the highwaymen were a nervous bunch is evidenced by the fact that the two operations are only about three hundred yards apart, and the distance between the two places thickly settled by employees of the company. The robbers secreted themselves in the coke ovens, which line the roadside at that point and awaited the coming of the wagon, which was in charge of Payroll Clerk J. B. Crawford, his assistant, Joe Cofer, and the negro driver, and having aboard the snug sum of \$15,000. When the wagon was opposite the coke ovens the robbers opened fire, and as the driver tumbled unharmed from his seat into the wagon, he struck his already frightened horses a stinging blow with a whip that sent them plunging madly along the rocky road. Realizing they had been foiled and that pursuit of the treasure wagon was out of the question, the highwaymen sought safety by plunging into the mountains. Within a few minutes every operation in the field had been notified by telephone of the attempted hold-up, and officers and employees of the various companies were sent out to intercept the men. In the afternoon of Saturday four of them were captured near Pageton, on Tug River, and after being identified, were lodged in jail at Welch. On Tuesday two others were located in a shanty at the Black Wolf operation on Tug River, and in the battle which followed one of the robbers was killed and the other captured. Armed men are still scouring the mountains throughout the field and every effort possible is being put forth to round up the entire gang.

"YOUNG TAZEWELL" DAY.

The Boys and Girls in Front—A New and Striking Feature.

The Superintendent of the Agricultural Department of the Fair wants to exhibit the chief and finest products of the farmer and homes of the county, viz: the children. So it is proposed to have a parade on one day of the Fair of the boys and girls of the county between the ages of 10 and 15 years. The proposition meets with the hearty approval of the management of the Fair and of the people generally. Every boy and girl of the ages given, in a parade on horseback, will do, for this will be the biggest and prettiest show and attract more attention, than anything else to be seen or ever was seen at a county fair. It can be done easily. Let parents see to it that their children are provided with a horse—any kind of a horse, even a mule will do, for this will not be a horse show, but an honor paid to our boys and girls, the representatives of the coming age. The marshals and manager will see to it that every one of the young riders is taken care of. Each rider will be furnished a sack which can be retained as a souvenir.

Now, will the parents take an interest in the matter? This is "our Fair," the country people's Fair, and let the country people, town people and every body take hold and make this the finest show ever seen on a fair ground. The following gentlemen will see to it that their communities are represented: H. G. McCall, manager-in-chief; Dr. Melvin Crockett, Dr. Jas. Crockett, Geo. H. Moss, C. R. Brown, W. J. Correll, D. W. Lynch, Jno. R. Gildersleeve, Jr., Dr. H. B. Frazier, Dr. J. M. Shepard, Geo. McCall, (Raven), C. B. Moore, H. A. Bowen, R. K. Gillespie, H. S. Bowen, Ross Scott, Geo. W. Lewis. Whoop it up.

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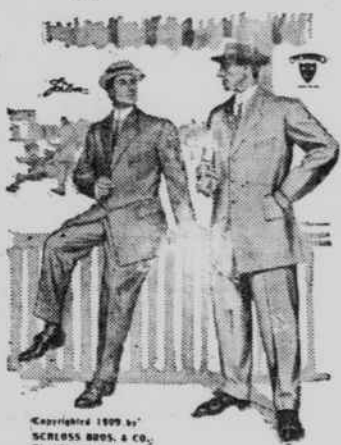
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"THE BIG STORE."

The Great Tazewell Fair.

Encouraged by past successes the management of the Tazewell Fair Association have determined to use every effort to make the approaching show the most attractive and successful one in the history of the Association. To this end the number of attractions has been greatly increased and new features introduced. In the way of amusements the show is to be great. The following list will show what may be expected on that line:

The Kemp Sisters Wild West Shows, composed of fifty people and sixty head of stock.

An Indian show, with twenty-five live Indians in native costumes and all the paraphernalia attached to such shows.

The Four-legged Woman, who is one of the most wonderful freaks in the natural world.

Larke & Adams' Country Circus, one of the old-time shows that always entertains the boys.

Madge's Old Plantation Show, which gives a most amusing illustration of plantation life, with negro songs and dances.

A snake show, Circling Wave Machine and Merry-go-Round will also be added to this very large list of amusements.

To the exhibits several interesting and valuable departments have been added. We might mention the Norfolk and Western Railway Exhibit, the display of Agricultural Products, Fruits and Vegetables, and the Ladies' Fancy Work Exhibit. These three departments are entirely new features, and are arousing great interest. All of them will be full and attractive as well as instructive.

The Poultry Exhibit will be the largest and finest ever seen in Tazewell, and in quality will not be surpassed in any part of the State. A number of persons in the county and town in these recent years have been taking deep interest in the poultry business, and what they may. The result is that there are fine flocks of all the best breeds of chickens, turkeys and ducks within the borders of the county. Statistics show that the poultry of Missouri brings more wealth to the people of that state than all the live stock combined. It will soon be that way in Virginia, even in Tazewell county. So, the farmers should all come to the Fair to see the poultry show, if for no other reason.

Another new feature will be the great Handicap Race in which a purse of \$500 will be given by the Association. This will greatly enlarge the attractiveness of the racing program, which is full in all other respects.

There is still another new and spectacular feature, that is the parade on horseback of Young Tazewell. All the children of the county and town from five to fifteen years of age are to be admitted and are cordially invited to join the parade. This will afford a splendid opportunity for your children to show the quality of their horsemanship and also bring upon the track a large number of Tazewell's noted fine saddle horses. We predict that this will be one of the most beautiful as well as popular features of the Fair.

Many improvements have been made

at the grounds since the Fair was held last year. Very important improvements have been made to the grand stand.

The attractions will be certain to draw large crowds each day, and the people of the county are likely to respond generously to the earnest endeavor of the management to make our Fair measure up to a standard which will be representative of our great county.

The New Addition.

If you don't believe things are looking good and prosperous, go to the grounds in the east end of town, just drop out by the J. G. Buxton property and glance over what is being done there. 2200 feet of sidewalk is being built fronting the lot sale ground; nice wide streets are being lined off, and the place in general is beginning to look as fresh and bright as a daisy after a storm.

FREE LOTS.

There are to be two good lots given away at the auction lot sale September 2nd and 3rd. Don't fail to be on hand when the drawing takes place as you may be the lucky one. You can secure tickets before or on days of sale.

DINNER ON GROUND.

Dinner will be served on the lot sale ground the 2nd and 3rd of September by the Ladies' Exchange of the Methodist church. It will be served under the large tent to be pitched on the property. The ladies will appreciate anything you may do for them on this occasion. If you want something good to eat and to help a good cause at the same time, patronize them.

MORE INTEREST.

From the many inquiries as to lots in the East Tazewell Addition much more interest is being shown in the approaching sale on September 2nd and 3rd than had been anticipated by some. The cutting up of the property into building lots will be of much benefit to the town any way you take it.

Tragic Death of Alex. Smith.

The town of Pocahontas, and in fact, this entire section of country, was shocked Monday morning when it was given out that Mr. Alexander Smith had committed suicide at his home in that town, by discharging the contents of a double-barreled shot gun into his body. Mr. Smith, who had been a resident of Pocahontas for about twenty-five years, was among the town's most progressive business men, and by energy and perseverance had accumulated considerable of this world's goods. That he was held in high esteem by the people of his home town was attested by the fact that on Tuesday while burial was being made every business house was closed and the flag on the city hall lowered to half mast out of respect to his memory. Continued ill health is the only reason assigned for the rash act.

You can find everything in the Kodak line from the one dollar Brownie up. Every one of them the latest model. See them at Jackson's.

Death of Capt. J. R. Ward.

On last Sunday morning Capt. James R. Ward died at his home four miles west of Tazewell. The immediate cause of his death was apoplexy, though he had been in failing health for several years. Captain Ward was born and reared in Wythe county, Va., and served with fidelity as a Confederate soldier throughout the Civil War. He was first in the infantry, a member of a company from Wythe county, and early in the war received a dangerous wound, being shot through the body. Afterwards he became a Captain in the Quartermaster's Department, and was attached to the 16th Virginia Cavalry in 1863-4-5. The deceased was thrice married. His first marriage was to Miss Mollie Miller, of Salem, Va.; his second to Miss Hovey, of Rural Retreat, Va., and his last to Mrs. M. J. Leese, of this county. The latter survives him.

Captain Ward was a splendid soldier, a man of striking appearance, of elegant manner and genial disposition. Even in old age, for he had reached the age of seventy-eight years, he was a very handsome man. That such a man should be highly esteemed by all who knew him goes without the saying. The death of this Christian gentleman and courtly old soldier will be regretted by a large circle of friends and comrades.

On Sunday afternoon funeral services were held at the home of the deceased. The remains were then brought to Tazewell and taken on train No. 6 to Salem, Va. The burial took place in the East Salem Cemetery on Monday afternoon.

Resolutions passed by Tazewell Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, upon the death of Capt. James R. Ward.

At a called meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the following resolutions were passed:

1st. Resolved, that in the death of Capt. Ward, Sunday morning, August 22nd, 1909, that our circle, in which he took such deep interest, has met with a great loss.

2nd. Resolved, that his noble character, his gentle, courtly manner and his bravery as a Confederate soldier, will long be remembered.

"The bravest are the tenderest, The loving are the daring."

3rd. Resolved, that we desire to express publicly and as a body our appreciation of his nobility of character, for he was without fear and without reproach.

4th. Resolved, that we extend our sympathy to Mrs. Ward as an earnest member of our organization, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her, and also that they be recorded in the minutes book of our organization.

MRS. TYNES, MISS FUDGE, MRS. DOAK, MISS HENRY, MRS. GRAHAM.

Elisha Johnson died at his home in the western part of Tazewell county on the 18th inst., aged 78 years. The funeral was conducted on the following day by Rev. W. M. Patty in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends.

A SPLENDID DAY FOR THE MASONS

The Laying of Corner Stone Largely Attended—Address by Dr. J. S. French—A Fine Procession and Interesting Ceremonies—Guests are Entertained.

Everything was auspicious on last Thursday for the laying of the corner stone of the new High School building. The Masonic fraternity here, who had charge of the affair, had made earnest effort to have it a notable event in the history of the town, and all who attended, as well as those who participated, declare that it was more than successful. The programme as published was carried out to the letter, without a hitch or unpleasant incident.

The Master Masons assembled at the Lodge Room, and the Knights Templar in the courthouse. The lines for the procession were not formed until 11:30 a. m., the delay being made to await the arrival of train No. 12, which brought a large delegation of Masons from Cedar Bluff and Richlands. A number of Knights Templar from Graham and Bluefield Commanderies came up to participate in the ceremonies.

The lines were formed in front of the court house with twenty-six Sir Knights in front as escort. This escort was in charge of Eminent Sir J. B. Saunders, of Graham Commandery, No. 22. The Master Masons were formed in rear of the Knights in the order laid down in the Text Book. Past Eminent Wm. C. Pendleton acted as Chief Marshal, having as his assistants Brothers J. B. Boyer and J. T. Holdreth. At 11:30 the procession was started and the two hundred men in line moved off smoothly and with soldierly bearing. They kept their eyes to the front on their Knightly escort, in the midst of which was the beautiful banner of Clinch Valley Commandery. The march was up Main Street to Marion Avenue, where the procession filed to the right and marched along that avenue to the entrance gate of the grounds that surround the May residence. The Templar escort was halted at the steps on the walk-way leading up to the residence, and ranks were opened, facing inward, for the reversing movement practiced by Masons. Right Worshipful George W. Wright, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and its present Grand Lecturer, who had been marching at the rear of the procession, accompanied by Past Master J. Taylor Elyson, preceded by the Chief Marshal, marched through the lines, the Knights forming an arch of steel under which the distinguished visitors and all the Masons passed. All who witnessed this movement said it was the most beautiful and perfectly executed they ever saw. It was marvellously well done, considering that there had been no previous drills of the men who marched and only partial instruction from the Marshal. Ranks were broken and the Masons mingled with the large crowd assembled at the east side of the May mansion to hear the address. Judge R. T. W. French, of Charlottesville, Va., had been invited to deliver the address and he had accepted. But on Wednesday a telegram had been received here announcing that Judge Duke was very sick and could not be present. Fortunately, Dr. J. Stuart French, of Atlanta, Ga., had just arrived in our town to visit friends. He had been made a Mason by Tazewell Lodge, and he was promptly conscripted to take Judge Duke's place, and like a good soldier he accepted the task.

A platform had been erected at the May residence, and there Dr. French was introduced to the audience by Judge S. M. B. Coulling. The introductory speech was a chaste and elegant one. Dr. French used for his theme popular education. Though the address in the main was extemporary, it was finished, forceful and one of the most interesting that our people had ever heard. It was the general expression, that while regret was felt over the sickness of Judge Duke, the occasion had not been less interesting on account of his absence, so far as the address was concerned.

After Dr. French had concluded, the procession was again formed and marched to the northeast corner of the new High School building, where the interesting ceremonies connected with the laying of the corner-stone were performed by Right Worshipful George W. Wright, assisted by various stationed and special officers. During these ceremonies excellent music was furnished by a choir composed of young ladies and gentlemen of the town, led by Rev. G. C. Rector.

The invocation at the beginning of the ceremonies was made by Rev. Wm. H. Kelly, Chaplain of Tazewell Lodge, and the father of Tazewell High School. This venerable Mason, now eighty-six years old, was deeply moved and his prayer was full of beauty and sweet sentiment.

The "corner-stone" is made from a very handsome block of dark blue granite, which came from the quarries at Quincy, Mass. It is 25x11x12, and was prepared by the Quincy Granite Company and procured through the Marble and Granite Company of Tazewell, Va. Mr. W. K. Vermillion, of the latter company, was present and assisted in placing the corner-stone in the position it will hold as long as the building stands. For his very generous assistance in procuring and helping to place the stone the Masons and school authorities owe him a vote of thanks.

On the front of this beautiful corner-stone is chiseled: "Laid by Tazewell Lodge, No. 62, A. F. and A. M., August 19, 1909."

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the Lodge and escort were re-formed and marched back to the places where they had first assembled. The visitors, to the number of nearly two hundred, were invited to the two hotels, where excellent dinners were served to them as the guests of Tazewell Lodge.

It was a delightful affair, a happy occasion throughout. The Masons and citizens here tried to make the visitors have an enjoyable time, and from the expressions we heard on all sides the effort was not in vain.

The Bowman Realty Co. is advertising the lot sale for Sept. 2nd and 3rd very extensively. A large crowd of people is looked for in Tazewell on these two days. It will be of much benefit to the business people of the town. Let us all encourage the movement.

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Everybody Rides.

Mr. J. G. Buxton, who owns the East Tazewell plan of lots, has arranged with the street car company to carry passengers from all points on its line to the nearest point to the Lot Sale, which is the corner of Tazewell Avenue and Finckle Road. Why not go for a trolley ride to the Big Lot Sale, Sept. 2 and 3? Big doin's both days. Watch for the "Free Car."

Circuit Court.

On Monday circuit court convened at this place. A regular grand jury was impanelled which made 12 indictments for felonies and 34 for misdemeanors. The motion for change of venue in the case of Cumby's adm'r vs. Pocahontas Collieries Co., was argued, and Judge Kegley will pass upon it next Wednesday.

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Virginia. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of M. M. Mathews, In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of M. M. Mathews, of Graham, in the county of Tazewell, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of August, A. D. 1909, the said M. M. Mathews was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and the first meeting of his creditors will be held at Graham, Virginia, in the office of Sexton & Roberts on the 1st day of September, A. D. 1909, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

D. F. BAILEY, Referee in Bankruptcy. August 19th, 1909.

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